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"On Feb. 12, 1961 - JOE COSTA & ERNEST AUDET met OTIS HOOD by appointment at the G & G Restaurant on Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester at 9:30 A.M. - From the G & G Restaurant - COSTA - AUDET & HOOD - picked up ANN TIMPSON in Roxbury and all went to 162 Seaver St., Apt. 17 - in Roxbury, the D. C. Meeting was scheduled for this address at the last minute - The tenant was a middle age woman in her late fifties - about 5' tall - well preserved - Gray hair - very active - Jewish - kept a very clean apartment and her name was ANN.

"The meeting was called to order at about 10:15 A.M., by OTIS HOOD, and the following members of the D.C. - were present - OTIS HOOD - JOHN HOVAN (TEX (Negro) - ANN TIMPSON - LEWIS GORDON - BOB POLLOCK - MILLIE GOODWIN - LOU JOHNSON & (PHIL - (Negro) - HANK GROSSMAN sent word he was unable to attend. - PHIL BART of the National Secretariat - JOE COSTA & ERNEST AUDET of Fall River were also present.

"The agenda accepted for this meeting - Cuba - Youth Organization - ROCKWELL's Boston appearance LOU JOHNSON's Report from Nat. Committee - Unemployment - organization & Finances -

"ANN TIMPSON opened the discussion - saying that this meeting was originally scheduled to be held at TEX's house - but because the F.B.I. have been following TEX - it was necessary to make a late minute change and meet on Seaver St. ANN said that because of the recent Communist Youth Convention held in Chicago the F.B.I. are following all party members they suspect of having any connection with the Communist Youth movement. ANN said TEX - (PHIL Negro) and BESS were approached by the F.B.I. ANN asked all D.C. comrades to go back to their clubs and urge all comrades to write to local newspapers condemning the American stand on Cuba.

"ANN suggested Radio forums - panels and organized groups to listen and get firsthand information on the actual conditions in Cuba. ANN said FLORENCE LUSCOMB would be available to appear on Radio or before organized groups. ANN said she attended the dedication of Freedom Hall in Roxbury - ANN said the hall was jammed with Negroes and that she felt very happy because she was well received by the Negroes knowing that she was a Communist - ANN said in Roxbury there are about 60% Negro & 40% Whites - ANN said the 81 Communist Nation document should be studied and discussed in all clubs. ANN said the Roxbury club unless it is better organized - the comrades in Roxbury will be assigned to the Dorchester Club or the Ward 12 Club. ANN said that preparations are being completed for the home coming testimonial for ELISABETH GURLEY FLYNN. ANN said special invi-

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"tations are being printed and sent to special persons that believe in the party but are not in it. ANN said she hoped to raise \$10.00 from each invitation - ANN said every one attending the testimonial should be prepared to contribute their share. - ANN said she was confident that more than \$2,000 can be raised at the testimonial. ANN said the Dorchester Club has committed \$500.00 - The testimonial will be held on Sunday Feb. 26, 1961 - at Morton Plaza Hall in Dorchester at 2:30 in the afternoon.

"ANN suggested very strongly that comrades use their influence with friends at Boston University - Brandeis & Harvard, to have ELISABETH GURLEY FLYNN appear at one of the college campuses. It was also suggested that the New England Communist Party have a suite of rooms at one of the more popular hotels and invite Radio & Newspaper men for a news conference (a Mr. WILLIAMS name was mentioned as one who could be invited - WILLIAMS is a Radio news man) -

"ANN commended POLLOCK on his successful efforts in helping to Picket ROCKWELL - ANN said she was on a picket line with an attorney for Civil Liberties, and that he said - imagine if that (so & so) - gets himself arrested or in trouble I will have to defend him.

"LOU JOHNSON said he attended the National Committee meeting recently and that HOMER CHASE was also there. LOU said the Nat. Com. was in complete unity and that MANNY BLOOM who previously supported HOMER CHASE was self critical because of the stand he took in criticizing the National Secretariate. LOU said a committee was appointed to make recommendations on HOMER CHASE and (BITTLEMAN or MITTLEMAN) - who had been suspended from the Nat. Com. - (MANNY BLOOM - PATTERSON - LUMER - Committee)

"This committee would first hear the report of GUS HALL against HOMER CHASE - LOU said after GUS HALL's report on HOMER HOMER in his defense said the Nat. Com. made a grave mistake in suspended him - HOMER asked the committee to be reinstated as a leader of the N.E.C.P. -

"LOU said the Committee recommended to drop HOMER from the Nat. Com. - and he was also dropped from leadership in N.E.C.P. - BITTLEMAN - was expelled for his activities in California - he was charged with organizing groups to attack & criticize the National Committee. LOU said the 81 Com. Nations Document was discussed and the Nat. Com. were in complete agreement. LOU said the Negro question was discussed and the Nat. Com. is drawing up a draft resolution on the Negro question -

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"LOU said that it is a well known fact within the party and the N.A.A.C.P. - that 85% of the Negro race voted for KENNEDY - LOU said that without the Negro vote & Labor KENNEDY could not possibly be elected LOU said more college campuses should be contacted to give the party an opportunity to meet and speak with the students in advancing the Party's Youth movement.

LOU said the N.E.C.P. has closed the proposed book shop - LOU said HOMER CHASE told him that he had raised the money to pay for the last month's rent - (Dec.) -

"LOU said the entire Nat. Com. - paid tribute to EUGENE DENNIS - and that N.E.C.P. sent a telegram of condolence.

"LOU said said the Nat. Com. agreed that the Trades Unionists of America will have to take the leadership in fighting American monopolists - LOU said it is the party's responsibility to get leadership in the Trades Union Field.

"BOB POLLOCK said he was happy to report that ROCKWELL's appearance in Boston was an absolute failure - BOB said that Roman Catholics, Protestants & Jews did an unmerciful job of counter picketing ROCKWELL's Pickets.

"BOB said he went to the Mayor to stop ROCKWELL - the Mayor sent BOB to the Chief of Police - the Chief sent BOB to the Police Commissioner - the Commissioner told BOB that no law enforcing agency has authority in Mass., to stop peaceful picketing and peaceful expression of political views. BOB said that more than 5000 persons became unified against ROCKWELL, the self appointed leader of the Nazi Party. BOB said that a former Nazi Butcher who was chief of staff for HITLER by the name of HEISINGER has been nominated for President of NATO effective April 1st, 1961 - BOB said he has contacted a friend at Boston University who is trying to arrange a campus meeting for ELISABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

"(TEX - Negro) - said he was happy to see great strides in many groups fighting for Negro rights - TEX, said labor must get help from the party to organize to fight the American monopolists and capitalism - TEX said American monopolists are united in a fight against Negro rights. TEX said that since the Chicago Communists Youth Conference - the American youth are beginning to understand the principals of the Communist Party - TEX said that arrangements are being formulated to send C.P. leaders to college forums & campuses.

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"(PHIL Negro) - said that the fight for Negro rights looks brighter and that more effort should be put in organizing the youth in N.E. - PHIL spoke at length about his job on the railroad concerning a spare board where he works - PHIL said he & other workers sometimes work around the clock for the same hourly wages PHIL said the workers are afraid to speak up especially against the railroad.

"MILLIE GOODWIN said the party should at this time be concerned with the unemployment crises in America - MILLIE said America has never had a true report on unemployment during the last administration and doubted very much that the present administration will improve. MILLIE said she wrote 2 letters to the Lynn Newspaper condemning the American stand on Cuba - MILLIE said her letters were printed, but that the Lynn editorials attacked her 2 letters - MILLIE said LEW GORDON also wrote a letter to the Lynn newspaper and it received the same treatment.

"JOE COSTA said the present situation on the N.E. labor front was everything but good - JOE said unemployment was at a dangerous high and that if a great majority of unemployed did not receive unemployment benefits - America would be in real trouble - JOE produced unemployment facts in his area and it showed more than half of all trade unionists unemployed. JOE spoke at length on the Portuguese SALAZAR regime and praised GALVAO and his followers in seizing the Portuguese liner Santa Maria as a act of patriotism - striking the first major blow at Fascist SALAZAR.

"PHIL BART - praised JOE COSTA's labor report - BART said JOE's report was very valuable to the party especially for the N.E. area. PHIL BART said the peace question is a vital issue concerning world affairs - but that at present the unemployment situation in America is critical. BART said the National Com. has proposed that the party in their districts organize groups in the distress areas to force the administration to give immediate aid in these areas. BART said Pres. KENNEDY has increased aid in West Virginia 3 cents per person and also released more surplus foods for that area. BART said that we all know that the 3 cents and foot allotted to West Virginia is not enough but BART said we can't go to West Virginia and tell the people because in West Virginia 3 cents buys a lot of beans. BART said in industrial centers it is the party's obligation to organize workers and demand more help for the distressed areas.

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"BART praised BOB POLLOCK for his efforts in the ROCKWELL counter picketing. BART praised LOU JOHNSON on his Nat. Com. report - BART said he was very happy with all the discussions and more so for the unity in the N.E.C.P. BART urged all comrades to write to their Senators & Congressmen protesting the selection of HERSINGER President of N.A.T.O. - BART said there is complete unity in all communist countries of the world including Albania. BART said the English Communist party are in complete accord with the 81 Communists Workers Party. BART said GUS HALL's report on the 81 Com. Nations document is a masterpiece and that the N.E. comrades will be getting copies of HALL's report soon. BART said that within a few days the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. will conduct a tremendous labor organizing campaign in New York among the Negroes & Porto Ricans - with RANDOLPH a leader in this campaign. BART said the answer to all problems in the class struggle is the Trade Union movement. BART said it is the duty of every comrade to immediately take an active leadership part in their local trade unions. BART said that greater efforts should be made to organize the Youth movement. BART praised praised TEX for his progress in the youth movement. BART said that the National Negro Labor Council will meet in Washington soon and asked all comrades knowing of any Negro eligible to attend to urge them to attend in the interest of the labor movement. BART said this council was organized in Detroit some time ago - BART said the struggle for socialist survival is being won by the peoples of the world - BART said Capitalism & colonization controlled by monopolists are losing in the world struggle. BART said the party must fight capitalism in every form - wether it be NIXON or KENNEDY's capitalism - BART said American monopolists are opposed to Negro rights especially in the Southern States. BART proposed that a committee of the Industrial Club of N.E. meet with JOE COSTA soon to get a better picture of the labor situation in this area and to discuss what can be done to improve unemployment in the N.E. area. BART said stronger efforts should be made to obtain college campuses for ELISABETH GURLEY FLYNN and also to promote the youth movement. BART said GUS HALL's report should be read & discussed at the next D. C. meeting. BART said the D.C. should appoint committees in various sections in N.E. to organize peace & peaceful co-existence movements - to also contact labor leaders - Negro leaders and church leaders, for a united front on peaceful co-existence. - BART also proposed that the comrades thru their contacts organize a series of discussions in colleges and have forums to discuss the Cuban situation and Negro rights, to pay more attention to the Negro community in Boston - and to organize week end seminars to study reports by clubs, to organize open meetings to discuss unemployment.

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"ANN TIMPSON said that the GABRIETHS of Providence appeared at the Freedom House in Roxbury - they were given \$50.00 by the N.A.A.C.P. and that a collection was made by some organization that netted the GABRIETHS about \$250.00. ANN said a Harvard Professor spoke at this gathering and did a remarkable job - very few whites attended this gathering.

"LOU JOHNSON at this point spoke on the organization of the party - LOU urged all comrades to contact all former comrades and ask them to come back to the party.

"ANN TIMPSON on organization said that the Dorchester Club with 15 active comrades will put on a drive to increase their number to 19 or 20. ANN said after checking all registrations that there are 118 registered comrades in N.E. (TEX Negro) said he would devote most of his time in the youth movement and in reactivating the Roxbury club.

"(PHIL Negro) said he was glad that the Nat. Com. has drafted a strong resolution on Negro rights. PHIL said this draft resolution will help organize the Negro into the party.

"JOE COSTA was asked by TEX and BART about the possibilities of going to New Bedford to contact some of the former active party members - JOE COSTA said that the PENHA complex has reached its peak in the New Bedford area and is now declining - JOE further said that when the PENHA complex hits bottom then the time will be ripe to go to New Bedford - BART agreed with COSTA and asked TEX to contact comrades who are now active in that area.

"A committee was appointed to meet with JOE COSTA in Fall River, Friday Feb. 17, at AUDET's home on So. Main Street. This meeting is to discuss the Labor situation in N.E. - The Committee - LOU JOHNSON - JOHN HOVAN and JAKE from Industrial Club.

"BART said every precaution should be taken to protect JOE COSTA on security because of his position in the community and especially because of his labor contacts.

"ANN TIMPSON said she will give a financial report at the next meeting after the books are audited - ANN said that all the money collected at the ELISABETH FLYNN testimonial will be applied to the N.E. drive for the party.

"PHIL BART called MIKE RUSSO by telephone and made an appointment to meet him - BART told MIKE he was going to ask him to help the Nat. Com. and the local leadership in writing for the Worker."

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[redacted] advised he will be alert to identify "JAKE from Industrial Club" who is scheduled to attend a meeting at Fall River, Massachusetts on February 17, 1961.

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Will display photographs to [redacted] of ANNA CLAYMAN, EDWARD TEIXEIRA and PHIL BAKER for possible identification of such individuals with, respectively, "ANN," "TEX - Negro," and "PHIL (Negro)", mentioned herein.

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"Oct. 24, 1960

"Sunday Oct. 16, 1960 - At the G & G Restaurant in Dorchester - JOE COSTA - 4 Ernest Audet were met by OTIS HOOD - BEN DAVIS - HY LUMER - HENRY & FRANK from Worcester at about 9:20 a.m., and proceeded to a special call meeting of the N.E. CP at the Jewish Community Center in Chelsea, Mass. This meeting was called for all key members of the N.E. CP, but only members of the District Committee would be allowed to vote.

"OTIS HOOD was chairman and called the meeting to order at about 10:15 a.m. - At the head table with OTIS HOOD were BEN DAVIS - HY LUMER & HOMER CHASE.

"Members of the District Committee present were OTIS HOOD - PHIL KORITZ - LOU JOHNSON - MILLIE GOODWIN - MARY CARLSON - ANN TIMPSON BOB POLLOCK - JOE CHASE - HOMER CHASE LEWIS GORDON - JOHN HOVAN - JOE COSTA & ERNEST AUDET - ('Note - one vote was allowed Fall River and JOE COSTA was chosen to vote for the area.')

"HENRY - from Worcester was challenged by HOMER as not being a member of the District Board OTIS HOOD maintained that HENRY was elected at the last convention - BEN SANDY said he took the minutes of the convention and that HENRY was elected - PHIL KORITZ & MARY CARLSON also protested in accepting HENRY as a member of the D.C.

"Besides the D.C. members the following comrades were present - BWN SANDY - MEYER CLARFELD - HAROLD LEWENGRUB - MRS. HOMER CHASE - SUE KORITZ, Mrs. ELBA CHASE - HENRY & FRANK - From Worcester) CARL CARLSON - DAN BOONE - Mrs. DAN BOONE, a young colored boy - about 23 or 24 years of age about 5' 6" tall round face - small mustache malado color - about 155 pds.

"A man short - heavy - light - previously identified a member of Meat Packers Union.

"A women - short - about 5' - thin - black hair - dark - in her 40's - was passing out leaflets for a meeting at the Community Church of Boston - for Wednesday Oct. 19, 1960 - Speaker MICHAEL D. TANZER - MA - on CASTRO's Cuba.

"Also a rugged looking man - gray hair about 5' 10" tall, heavy - flat nose - round face - and an old Jewish man over 60 - about 5' 6" - heavy - gray - previously identified being present at the convention in Cliff Manor.

"GEORGE PIPE - or PIPER

"Agenda - Discussions on charges against HOMER CHASE
by the N.E. Secretariat
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"HY LUMER - began his talk by charging HOMER CHASE in being directly responsible for the disunity in the N.E.C.P. & N.C.D.C. - LUMER said HOMER CHASE has repeatedly refused to carry out the policies of the Nat. Committee. - LUMER said the D.C. of C.P. - was against the boycott of the National Election for President - LUMER said the Party supported STEVENSON because of his mass movement for world peace. LUMER said that war was no longer inevitable and that the fight for peace & co-existence will be a hard struggle - LUMER said that HOMER CHASE differs with the Secretariat on these issues - and that HOMER has sent out a newsletter signed by HOMER from the N.E. Adm. Committee Board criticizing the N.C.'s stand on peace and on the national presidential election - and that HOMER sent a letter to the National Guardian & other newspapers, also criticizing the N.C. - LUMER further said that HOMER sent a telegram to KHRUSHCHEV - LUMER said that the Dorchester club refused to pass out HOMER's newsletters because it criticized the N.C.P. Secretariat and that the Dorchester club appealed to the N.C. Secretariat to investigate and prefer charges against HOMER CHASE for his stand against the N.C. - LUMER said the secretariat investigated and met & voted unanimously to write to all members of N.E.D.C. also key members of N.E.C.P. - explaining the charges that would be preferred against HOMER CHASE by the N.C. Secretariat - LUMER at this point attacked HOMER and suggested in very strong language that the N.E.C.P. remove HOMER CHASE and his followers from leadership in the party immediately.

"HOMER CHASE - denied his actions as an anti Sovietism as charged by LUMER - HOMER countercharged that the letter sent by the N.C. Secretariat - was a deliberate act to split the N.E.C.P. - HOMER said he refused to be self critical - HOMER said that STEVENSON urged the overthrow of CASTRO by the South American Countries - HOMER charged that the N.C. was taking a counter revolution policy - and raised the question on the Hungary situation - HOMER said that after his stand on the Hungary situation - ARNOLD JOHNSON & BEN SLAVIS suggested the removal of HOMER CHASE - HOMER charged that the election of KENNEDY would support the lynchings in the South and prolong the revolution in Cuba - HOMER said he was for the boycott of the Nat. presidential election - HOMER said that KENNEDY was also Rockefeller's boy. HOMER said that the N.C. Secretariat was also repudiated by RANDOLPH of the U.E. and the National Guardian. HOMER charged that there were no democratic centralization within the party and bitterly criticized - BOB POLLOCK - ANN TIMPSON & OTIS HOOD for meeting with the N.C. Secretariat and sending out letters without his knowledge. HOMER said that the HOODS - the TIMPSONS & the BOONES were connected as heads of the N.E.C.P. longer than any party leaders in the world, and that because of their stand - PENHA who was supposed to be expelled a long time before he left the party was allowed to stay - HOMER said that GATES would still be in power if it was up to HOOD & ANN. - HOMER charged bitterly that the secretariat who signed the 3 page letters on charges against him were tools of American imperialism and working hand in hand with the FBI.

"JOHN HOVAN defended HOMER and criticized the N.C. Secretariat - HOVAN attacked ANN & HOOD as those behind this meeting bringing charges against HOMER -

"BEN LANDY - defended the N.C. Secretariat - LANDY accused HOMER of trying to set up his own policy as one opposed to the N.C. - LANDY said the N.C. sets the policy by a majority vote and it should be accepted by all districts - LANDY outlined a history of HOMER CHASE's background in the party and LANDY said that HOMER was always a dissenter and caused friction where ever he went - LANDY said that HOMER CHASE was unfit to lead the N.E.C.P. and should be taken out immediately.

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"CARL CARLSON - Spoke on the shipyard strike and on the youth question - CARL defended HOMER in a very dull talk.

"LOU JOHNSON - defended the policy of the N.C. and said that the N.E.C.P. must follow the policies as adopted by the N.C. - LOU JOHNSON very strongly urged the removal of HOMER CHASE from N.E.C.P. leadership - to gather with the followers - LOU JOHNSON at this point also criticized ANN TIMPSON for not turning over the money & accounts of the reserve fund.

"MARY CARLSON - jumped up and said to LOU JOHNSON what do you mean by HOMER's followers - are you directing your remarks at me - if so is it because I don't come from Russia and my parents come from Ireland - is that the reason why you (LOU JOHNSON) are so critical of my actions - MARY further asked LOU JOHNSON not to say HOMER's followers but instead name the followers - MARY defended HOMER and accused the N.C. Secretariat of Bourgeoisism - and depriving the districts of democratic centralization..

"PHIL KORITZ - said the Communist Party thru out the world must unite all colonial & independent countries also labor to combat American imperialism and fight - counter revolution for socialism - PHIL said that both political parties are controlled by the ROCKFELLERS & HARRIMANS - PHIL attacked BEN LANDY and N.C. Secretariat - PHIL said the N.C. Secretariat attack NIXON but leave the way clear for the working man to vote for KENNEDY. PHIL said he was 100% with HOMER on the boycotting of the National Presidential election - PHIL attacked ANN for refusing to turn over the reserve fund to JOHNSON who would turn over the fund to the present Treasurer - MARY CARLSON - PHIL attacked HOOD for standing by the Secretariat and said that the N.E.C.P. could very well do without the HOODS - the BOONES the ANNs and the POLLOCKS

"JOE CHASE defended HOMER and attacked the Secretariat directing his attack at LUMER - JOE CHASE said that behind all these charges against HOMER is that HOMER is responsible for the beginning of a book shop in Boston for the benefit of students in the Boston area who want to know more about the functions of the Soviet Union. JOE CHASE said - HOOD & ANN were against the idea and that is what started the whole trouble JOE CHASE said that HOOD & ANN has no business being leaders of the N.E.C.P. JOE said they have been around long enough.

"ANN TIMPSON - attacked HOMER & his followers and defended the N.C. Secretariat.

"ANN accused HOMER of using slander attacks on anyone who does not agree with him - ANN at this point attacked the U.S. flight incident claiming that the American flights were violating the privacy of nations - ANN said she did not turn over the reserve fund because the D.C. has not authorized her to do so -- ANN said when a vote is taken by the D.C. to turn over the reserve fund, she will be glad to do so. ANN said the original fund was \$3,000 - but that a car was purchased for HOMER plus wages paid HOMER where collections failed to meet expenses - ANN said there is now \$1500 in the reserve fund.

"ELBA CHASE - defended HOMER saying that he was her son and knew him to be straight forward in his actions and that he was never a back biter - ELBA CHASE said that for the first time in years she has been invited to various social gatherings in New Hampshire and that she was also invited to speak on radio.

"BOB POLLOCK - defended the Secretariat and proceeded to attack HOMER & his followers - BOB said HOMER was not fit to be a leader of the N.E.C.P. and demanded he be ousted immediately - at this point JOHN HOVAN jumped up and protested at BOB's slander of HOMER - BOB turned to HOVAN and said shut up - since you have been a leader in R.I. - the district has done nothing just like you - HOMER CHASE was on his feet defending HOVAN saying that because of the party HOVAN has suffered many hardships; and at one time was on relief - BOB POLLOCK at once was also on his feet - saying that HOMER was never any good and turned to everyone and said - See what I mean about this guy HOMER.

"Because of the late hour it was agreed that after BEN DAVIS' s talk the D.C. go on with their voting on the discussed issues.

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"BEN DAVIS said that since HOMER CHASE became a member of the Nat. Com. - HOMER has opposed all adopted policies of the N.C. - DAVIS said in most cases HOMER was a lone dissenter on various issues. DAVIS said that a good comrade can always see the human side of issues - but that HOMER has no respect for the human side of issues. DAVIS said HOMER has become very dangerous to the party because he not only opposes the adopted policy of the N.C.P. but is organizing and mobilizing comrades within the party and people outside the party against the N.C. of C.P. DAVIS said that the Chinese Com. Party is progressing very rapidly and that within the Chinese Party there is a tremendous respect for the older comrades - DAVIS said the Chinese CP will be a peace party - DAVIS said the Civil Liberties question will be a big factor in the coming National Election - DAVIS at this point directed his attack on HOMER and said that the party will not tolerate HOMER and the N.E.C.P. must remove HOMER & his followers - BEN DAVIS very angry turned to HOMER and asked - 'Did I understand you correctly in charging that those responsible for the letter sent to members of the N.E.C.P. were tools of American imperialism and working hand in hand with the FBI.' - HOMER CHASE answered out loud yes. -- DAVIS said - how can you allow this man to be a leader of your party - get rid of him & fast.

"OTIS HOOD was kept very busy keeping order - & stopping violent interruptions. -

"A motion was made by PHIL HORITZ & seconded by LEWIS GORDON to replace HOMER CHASE -

"Votes needed to replace HOMER - 2/3's -

"Vote to replace HOMER CHASE - HOOD - ANN TIMPSON - LEWIS GORDON - MILLIE GOODWIN. LOU JOHNSON - BOB POLLOCK JOE COSTA-

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"HENRY of Worcester - vote was protested by HOMER against HOMER being replaced - HOMER CHASE - JOE CHASE MARY CARLSON - JOHN HOVAN - PHIL KORITZ.

"The vote was 8 to 5 not a two third vote so HOMER stays on - pending action by the N.C.P.

"Question transferring funds from ANN to MARY CARLSON
Motions by - JOHN HOVAN - & HOMER CHASE -

"Motions to table question of transferring funds and pay off obligations first -

"Motion by POLLOCK - & MILLIE GOODWIN

"To table - HOOD - ANN - POLLOCK - GOODWIN - JOHNSON - GORDON & COSTA -

"To transfer - HOMER CHASE - KORITZ - JOE CHASE JOHN HOVAN & MARY CARLSON.

"SUE KORITZ after the vote was taken, jumped up and violently cried out that the Secretariats were a bunch of harlots - SUE became violent and it took several members to cool her down - JOHN HOVAN got in the fight on SUE's side in name calling so did MARY CARLSON - HENRY of Worcester at this point became violent and said that HOMER was no good and never was in his right mind.

"HENRY cried out throw him out -

"DAN BOONE also jumped up very angry and said - that man is sick - (Meaning HOMER) and should be treated- DAN said HOMER is not only sick but he is mad -

"MILLIE GOODWIN said that her club cannot function under the leadership of HOMER CHASE. HAROLD LEWENGRUB almost got into a fist fight with KORITZ over CHASE - HAROLD told KORITZ that he was never any good and that KORITZ was a troublemaker.

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"Name calling was at its height at 6:45 p.m. by both factions when everyone was ordered out."

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"Oct. 17, 1960

"Sunday, Oct. 16 - [redacted] attended a D.C. meeting of the Communist Party of New England held at the Jewish School in Chelsea. I believe the name of the street is Chestnut Street.

"People attending who I knew were: Hy Lumer, Ben Davis, Otis Hood, Homer Chase, Ann Timpson, Bob Pollock, Lou Johnson, Phil Koritz, Elba Chase, Mary Carlson, Carl Carlson, Dan Shirmer, Peggy Shirmer, Bess Jones, Bob Fisher, Sol Fisher, Charlie Piper, Lew Gordon, Sue Koritz, Millie Goodwin, Meyer Claffield, Harold Luengrub, Ben Landy, Rachel Chase, Joe Chase, Oliver Chase, Eddie Texira, Henry from Worcester, Mr. Ernie Audet.

"Otis Hood presided over the meeting. The agenda was to take up whether Homer Chase had violated Party policy in recent weeks by asking for a boycott of the Presidential elections in the U.S.A. and sent out literature to this effect and also announced same at public meetings.

"Homer spoke and told how the Secretariat of the Communist Party had sent copies of a statement criticizing Homer Chase and his followers to Otis Hood and Ann Timson to be distributed to Party members in New England. Homer criticized the way this was done by saying that some people received it and some people did not. He said that on the North Shore two D. C. members received copies in which they were to distribute and still Phil Koritz who is a member of the Board did not receive one.

"Homer said that the Board had a agenda for the day but would waive their agenda in favor of the one presented.

"Homer said that in spite of this slanderous letter against him by the Secretariat there have been no charges made against him. He also said that the letter mentions 'Homer Chase and his followers' and he said these others should be named if the Secretariat know who they are.

"Homer Chase said that there is no constitution. He also said that the National Committee of the Party is made up of sixty members which is much too large and makes it unworkable.

"Hy Lumer spoke and told how recently the National Party leadership had asked the New England Board to come to a Regional Conference to discuss elections. He said that

"at this Regional Conference Homer had presented the statement on elections asking for a boycott of the presidential candidates and this had been voted down 19 to 1 - the one being Homer Chase.

"Lumer said that Party unity is most essential and there can only be one line in the Party, this being the National Executive line.

"Lumer said that the basis of conduct of Homer is that he refuses to follow the line of the Party.

"Lumer said that once a policy is established, we must all follow Party policy.

"Lumer said that Homer has had repeated disagreements with Party policy and has lined up people against the National Policy of the Party.

"Lumer said that Homer has also disagreed and fought against the Party policy on Peace.

"Lumer told how Gus Hall in a recent speech said that it is not important who gets elected but we must bring about a mobilization of forces for work.

"Lumer said we must mobilize for struggles for the people and bring pressures on the candidates. He said we must bring about a break with the two-party system.

"Lumer said that the Party policy is not for a boycott but does call for participation in the election.

"Lumer said that in this week's 'Worker' - Oct. 16, 1960 there is a good article by Ben Davis on the election.

"Lumer said that for some years the policy of the Party was to criticize and attack certain candidates because of their Party but this was changed some years ago.

"Lumer said that at one stage there was a mass movement for Stevenson for President previous to the Democratic convention.

"Lumer said that there has been talk of difference between the Chinese Party and the Russian Party but people all over the world feel that war is terrible and are working for peace.

"Lumer told how Homer had sent out a newsletter which asked for a boycott of the presidential election and also included a section on Cuba in which he attacked Stevenson for his stand on Cuba. Lumer said that this would indicate that Homer thinks Stevenson is the major enemy.

"Lumer read an article from this week's "Guardian" in which Homer attacks Bittleman.

"Lumer said that there is no Party program in New England as all the time is taken up in discussing whether the National policy is right or wrong.

"Lumer said that a while ago Homer had asked for a special National Committee meeting on election policy. He said that a meeting of this kind would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and in the meantime no work would be done nationally on elections.

"Lumer said that Homer has called the National Executive Committee such things as revisionists, liquidationists, enemies of working class, agents of imperialism. Lumer also included Homer's associates as having said these things.

"Lumer told of how Homer had sent a letter to Khrushchev while Khrushchev has been in this country attending meetings of the U.N. in the name of the Party.

"Lumer told of how the Secretariat had received a letter from the Dorchester club in which they told how they had refused to mail out Homer's newsletters and had objected to Homer's violation of Party policy.

"Lumer asked that the D. C. members expell Homer from leadership. He said that if they did not they will recommend at the next meeting of the National Committee that Homer be taken from all positions of leadership.

"Lumer said that they intend to fight to the end to bring about Party unity.

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"Homer spoke and said that the stand taken by the National Committee must be raised at this time.

"Homer also said that the trial of Communists at Post Office Square was shameful as no one spoke sharply against those responsible for the plight of those Communists.

"Homer said that the National leaders have refused to re-examine the Hungarian situation.

"Homer said that on the newsletter on Cuba in which he attacked Stevenson the attack was warranted for the stand taken by Stevenson.

"Homer said that the National policy fails to show that the Democratic Party is imperialistic.

"Homer said that the policy of the board would bring about revolutionary activity on the election.

"Homer said that at one time the Party felt Humphrey was the man to back but he later made a statement during the union election of the IUE and the UE that if the workers voted UE they might be out of work due to loss of Government contracts by the General Electric Company.

"Homer said that Kennedy has been called a clerical Fascist and is hopping around.

"Homer said that it looks as though anyone in the Party who is against the Hungarian policy is out.

"Homer said that the U. E. union, Dr. DeBois, James Hoffer of the Teamsters and many others have repudiated the Democratic Party and that we have to have allies among the trade unionists, the negro people and others.

"Homer said that it would be worth spending \$30,000 or \$40,000 for a special National Committee meeting in order to have a functioning National Committee.

"Homer tried to show that he and the board had accomplished things and he said that we have made strides in transport.

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"He said that we are supporting Brooke for Secretary of State.

"Homer said that the cause for this meeting is that Bob Pollock had gone to New York and talked to the National leaders.

"Homer said that the National Committee has no review board which it should have.

"Homer said that the National leaders have betrayed the Party.

"Homer told how at one time it had been proposed to the D. C. to expell Comrade Penha but the D. C. would not expell him and he later testified against Party members.

"Homer said that never had a letter such as the one by the Secretariat been circulated against a Party member.

"Homer accused Lumer and Davis of being agents of imperialism and agents of the F.B.I.

"Ben Landy spoke and said he would have to cover three things: 1. Election Policy; 2. Conduct of Homer; 3. What kind of a Party.

"Ben said that Homer has been wrong in his opposition to National Policy.

"Ben told of how at the recent meeting held at the Boston arena sponsored by the Boston committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy there had been an attendance of 5500 people. He said this meeting had brought out people who had had connection with the Communist Party for many years.

"Ben said that Homer has already condemned himself by admitting that he sent out a newsletter asking for a boycott of the presidential election as this is against Party policy.

"Ben said we must read paragraph four of the report by the Secretariat which reads: 'We are now at a point where the looseness of the past on policy questions, growing out of the severe ideological struggles through which we have passed, can no longer be tolerated. Today the Party must demand that every leading comrade, without exception, adhere to and fight for the Party's policies, even where he or she may disagree with one or another aspect of them. No one who is not prepared to do so has the right to remain in position of leadership.'"

"Ben said that he was one who believed that we needed a full timer in New England.

"Ben said that Homer's trouble is his attitude toward people.

"Ben said that Homer has accused him of being anti-Soviet.

"Ben said that Homer has a blind spot or doesn't listen. Ben said that at a meeting after the 20th Congress of the Soviet Party he had said that he felt the Soviet Party would get things straightened out.

"Ben said that because of Homer political discussion stands in way of work.

"Joe Chase said that all who are associates of Homer should say so while speaking.

"Mary Carlson said that she is one of the followers of Homer.

"Phil Koritz spoke and said we must push back the progress of Imperialism.

"Phil criticized Ben Landy, Otis Hood and Ann Timpson, and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

"Phil said that Lou Johnson has been elected as chairman of Funds and Mary Carlson as Treasurer and Ann Timpson has refused to hand over the funds to Mary and Lou.

"Phil said that Ann has refused to even meet with Mary and Lou to discuss the matter.

"Phil criticized Otis Hood who he said voted at the last D.C. meeting to send back the National Executive Committee policy for clarification.

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"Lou Johnson spoke and said he thinks the New England policy is stronger than the N.E.C. policy but feels that we must follow the policy of the party.

"Lou said he feels the National policy is vague.

"Lou said he feels the biggest issue is unity.

"Lou said that Ann should be disciplined by this D. C.

"Mary Carlson spoke and said she didn't strive for Democratic Centralism soon enough.

"Carl Carlson spoke and told how he had written a letter in regard to the shipyard strike and sent it to the 'Worker' to be published. He said that the letter was cut so much when printed that it did not mean much.

"Carl read a letter that he had sent to the editors of the 'Worker' criticizing them for cutting his letter.

"Mary Carlson spoke and said that the cutting of Carl's letter was contempt for the workers. She said she tried to find out who cut the letter when she was in New York at the Regional Conference but could not find out.

"Mary said that the readers of the 'Worker' are confused.

"Mary said that McCarthyism is not a dead issue.

"Mary said that the Party needs the money which Ann has to carry on the book store. She said that many young people in the Boston area are looking for liberal reading material and the book store would supply it.

"Mary said she couldn't see why Stevenson should not be criticized.

"Joe Chase said that as Kennedy is a New England man the boycott is the logical policy.

"Joe said he bears the responsibility for saying there are revisionists and agents of imperialism in the National leadership.

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"Joe said that Otis and Ann didn't like the newsletter because it contained Homer's name.

"Ann said that Homer has opposed the N.E.C. on many issues.

"Ann said that at the time of the U-2 incident there was no letter sent and no attack on Eisenhower or Nixon. Ann said that Homer does find time regardless to attack Stevenson.

"Ann said that Homer tells of supporting Brooke for Secretary of State. She told of how Brooke at a meeting had said he did not want the help of the Communist Party.

"Ann said that in Boston there are 11 or 12 negroes running for office.

"Ann enumerated most of them and told what ward they are running in.

"Ann said that one of these negroes was running against Ianello who was the man who had slapped Nat Mill's face and verbally abused others before the State Commission on subversive activity.

"Ann said she has single-handedly raised more money for the Party in New England than anyone else.

"Ann said that when the new treasurer was elected she turned over the books, records and regular funds.

"Ann said that the New England Party had always had a special fund which was separate to be used only for an emergency. Ann said that this fund was around \$2,000 but some money had been used from it and it is now about \$1500.

"Ann said that when the question of leadership is straightened out she will turn this money over to whomever the D. C. asks her to.

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"Bob Pollock spoke and said he had spoken to the national leaders in New York and said he was also in New York on other business not connected with the Communist Party.

"Bob said he had always cooperated with Homer in the past.

"Bob said the Party in New England should issue monthly or bi-weekly statements.

"Bob said it is a question whether we can continue under present conditions.

"Bob said he cannot support Homer.

"Bob said that Homer came from the hills of New Hampshire where he was a woodchopper and he said he has been afraid of his neck lately.

"Bob said if any help was given to Cong. Meyer of Vermont it was very insignificant.

"Bob said that the letter to Khrushchev was more than a greeting - You can take my word for that.

"Ben Davis spoke and said that we have heard Homer speak here as he has spoken about many other comrades.

"Ben said that there has been times when he has been on the same side as Homer.

"Ben said that Homer does not pay enough attention to people and has not the respect for people he should have.

"Ben said he knows Homer is entirely wrong on this issue and the feeling of the Secretariat sound.

"Ben said that the N.E.C. policy is sound.

"Ben said that Homer has consistently mobilized Party and non-Party people against the National Committee.

"Ben said that we cannot have one Party in New England, another in Chicago, and another in New York and another on the West Coast and all different in opinion than the National policy.

"Ben Davis said that the N.E.C. has the power to make policy which is the National policy.

"Ben said that Homer has villated Party policy through leaflets and speaking before Party and non-Party people against Party policy.

"Ben said that the Secretariat did not mention who Homer's followers were because they were not sure who all of them were and secondly, hoped that they would see where they were wrong.

"Ben said that when Homer characterizes the National Committee as agents of imperialism he is speaking of sixty couples.

"Ben said he agrees that sixty is too large for the National Committee but that can only be changed by the Party as a whole.

"Ben Davis said that the National leadership has been subject to all kinds of criticism from Homer Chase -- in fact it is not criticism but slander.

"Ben said this helps the Imperialists to destroy the Party.

"Ben said that Homer has spoken today as if the National Committee is on trial.

"Ben said that we will soon have copies of the constitution.

"Ben said that according to the constitution there must be two meetings of the National Committee a year. He said that there had been one in March and there will be one in December -- so there is no violation.

"Ben said that the Regional meeting in New York was to discuss elections. He said a meeting was set up in the East, mid-West, and West.

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"Ben said that at all three meetings the N.E.C. policy was upheld.

"Ben said that probably at the convention the size of the National Committee will be reduced.

"Ben spoke of the article in this week's 'Guardian' by Homer Chase. He said that one of these people is way to the left and the other way to the right.

"Ben said that Brittleman will probably be expelled from the Party.

"Ben Davis said that Peace is a big issue in the elections.

"Ben also mentioned the demonstrations in New York while Khrushchev was here which he said shows that people think peace is the most important issue.

"Ben Davis said that in this country of 180 million people with 65 million voters a boycott of the elections is unrealistic. He said the Party is not strong enough to start a boycott or to stop one. He said this is just as ridiculous as asking to have Socialism tomorrow.

"Ben said that we must work with all people. He said we must work with Democrats and show people where their programs are wrong and work with Republicans and do likewise. He said we need to build confidence in the people.

"Elba Chase Nelson spoke and said she has talked to many people who say they cannot vote for either Nixon or Kennedy.

"Elba said she feels the boycott is the proper policy.

"Elba said that Homer may disagree with people but she has never known him to do any 'back-biting.'

"A motion by Phil Koritz was made to expell Homer and the vote was 8 to 5 among the D.C. members. This was not sufficient as a two-thirds vote was needed.

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"Phil made a motion to hold a State convention before the National Committee meeting in December and this carried unanimously.

"A vote was also taken of the non-D.C. members present on expelling Homer and this carried by a majority.

"A vote was taken on a motion to have Ann Timpson turn over the money she now holds to the treasurer when the present difficulty in New England is solved and it is known who the treasurer is at that time. This vote carried by a majority.

"After the meeting had adjourned Charlie Piper and Hy Lumer spoke about Hy meeting soon in the clubs. Ann Timpson said that the Dorchester club will be meeting on Wednesday Oct. 26 so Hy will meet with them on that night. Ann said it would be good if our North Shore people could meet on the following night so that Hy could meet with them.

"Charlie told Ann that he would let her know definitely on this meeting.

"There was a question whether Henry from Worcester was a member of the D. C. Henry said he had been elected at the convention. If his vote is not counted the vote would be 7-5 to expell Homer from office."

[redacted] advised on viewing a photo of [redacted] (100-509-1A(7) that same was a good and suitable likeness of "Henry from Worcester" reported by the informant as in attendance at the District Committee meeting.

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32392)

SUBJECT: GREATER BOSTON COMMITTEE
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ARMANDO PENHA, former member of the Communist Party, advised SA [redacted] on 5-12-60, that a meeting of the captioned committee was held at 3 Longfellow Park, Boston, Mass., on 5-10-60. Approximately 30 people were present whose identities were unknown to PENHA. At this meeting \$1500 was collected in cash, and pledges to insert a full page ad in a Boston newspaper within the next few days concerning American Foreign Policy, and the recent airplane incident involving American pilot FRANCIS G. POWERS.

The meeting also agreed to participate in opposing the establishment of a National Park on Cape Cod, and to join forces with any groups protesting the establishment of such a Park that would destroy the natural beauty of Cape Cod.

Spokesman at the meeting also urged members to attend a National Sane Nuclear Policy Meeting to be held on 5-19-60 at Madison Square Garden, New York City, where WALTER REUTHER, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and Governor MINNIN WILLIAMS were scheduled to attend. This meeting at Madison Square

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Square Garden was to concentrate on issues of disarmament and the cessation of atomic bomb tests. Entertainment was to be furnished by HARRY BELLEFONTE.

FENHA advised above information furnished to him on 5-12-60 by PHILIP O'CONNELL, [REDACTED], South Weymouth, Mass., who is the Vice Chairman of the un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion in Mass.

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